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SUBJ: UNHCR ROLE IN CURRENT REFUGEE PROBLEM

1. UNHCR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE CUENOD AND MR. GOBLUS FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S STAFF IN GENEVA HAVE JUST COMPLETED A MOST USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE VISIT TO VIETNAM. THEY HAVE HAD OCCASION TO PERSONALLY VIEW THE REFUGEE SITUATION IN MR-1 (DANANG) AND MR-2. GOBIUS IS NOW ON HIS WAY BACK TO GENEVA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AFTER RECEIVING GOBIUS' REPORT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER PLANS TO CONSULT THE DONOR COUNTRIES.
 2. DR. DAN, THE GVN MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE, INFORMS US THAT HE HAS ASKED THE UNHCR REPRESENTATIVES FOR \$2 MILLION OVER AND ABOVE THE \$3.6 MILLION CURRENTLY PLANNED FOR VIETNAM FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF HELPING WITH THE JOB OF MOVING REFUGEES ESPECIFALLY FROM THE DANANG AREA TO THE SOUTHERN PARTS OF THE COUNTRY .
- DR. DAN IS WRITING FOLLOW-UP LETTER TO THE UNHCR.

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3. WE BELIEVE THE US SHOULD TAKE THE FOLLOWING POSITION:

(A) WE SHOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO ASSIST IN THE MASSIVE TASK OF MOVING ROUGHLY 500,000-700,000 PEOPLE, MOST OF WHOM ARE NOW CONCENTRATED IN THE DANANG CITY AREA.

(B) IT WOULD ALSO BE IMPORTANT AND WE BELIEVE ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE FOR THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO ISSUE AN APPEAL TO ALL CONCERNED TO COOPERATE IN THIS HUMANITARIAN EFFORT SO THAT ALL REFUGEES MAY FREELY AND SAFELY LEAVE THE DANANG AREA.
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